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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHILDON

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FOR THE YEAR

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1963

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1963

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of your District for the year 1963.

The Vital Statistics do not compare so favourably with the previous year.

The Birth Rate is a little lower; the Death Rate somewhat higher, but is still slightly lower than that for England and Wales. There were 171 deaths this year as against 144 in 1962—the population being just over 100 less. Of these 171 deaths, 45 died aged 65-75; 45 between 75-85; 18 were over 85; 2 being over 90.

The Still Birth Rate is higher and the Infant Mortality Rate is also higher although there were the same number of deaths as last year—4. Of these 4 infant deaths, 1 died from asphyxia aged 10 minutes; 1 from hydrocephalus and spina bifida aged 1 day; 1 from prematurity aged 2 days and 1 from congenital hydrocephalus at 6 months. All 4 deaths took place in hospital. These figures give a Standard Infant Mortality Rate of 21.49, a neo-natal mortality rate of 16.12 and a perinatal mortality rate of 52.12.

Cases of Cancer of all parts of the body increased by 1, while cancer of the lung or Bronchus was exactly the same as last year. Men have given up smoking more than women and certainly fewer Doctors smoke nowadays.

Deaths due to conditions of the heart and vascular system numbered 73. Diabetes accounted for 4 deaths, pneumonia 8 and bronchitis 6. There was 1 suicide as against 3 last year.

Notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were 2 in comparison with 6 in 1962. This is a new low for this area. One non-pulmonary case was notified.

During the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit's visit, 1,549 persons attended. No new case of Tuberculosis was found but 41 other conditions were discovered.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis is carried out each year in the schools, the age limit this year being lowered to 11 years. The response continues to be good and the co-operation of the Head Teachers is excellent.

The number of infectious diseases totalled 475; Measles accounted for 403 of these and Whooping Cough 47. There were 3 cases of Dysentery. Vaccination against Poliomyelitis by the Oral method, is now offered in the schools as well as in Clinics and General Practitioner's surgeries. This year vaccination against Tetanus was incorporated with Diphtheria and offered to school children under 10 years of age. There was a good response. We hope to do this each year in future offering it to the new entrants only.

There was a case of Typhoid in a neighbouring area in a girl who worked in a bakery in this area, for 2 weeks before being admitted to hospital. This necessitated a good deal of work in the follow up of all the people employed at the bakery and their families, but fortunately, there was no further infection.

The Council recommended that the Durham County Water Board be informed that they were in favour of the fluoridation of the water supply to their area. Actually the water is already naturally fluoridated to the correct amount.

The second decontrolled Tip was closed during the year and we are now left with one Controlled Tip for the area.

Plans and proposals were considered during the year for the provision of special bungalow accommodation for the older residents in the area to enable them to remain in Shildon rather than be transferred to accommodation provided by the County Council. A scheme for 38 bungalows of 1 and 2 bedroom types together with central heating and the provision of Warden Service was approved. These bungalows will be placed on the cleared site at Dalton Street/Auckland Terrace area and will form the start of a redevelopment scheme for that area.

Further meetings and discussions have taken place during the year with the Durham County Council with regard to the redevelopment at Middridge. Progress has been made and the matter is still under consideration.

Further progress was made in the renewal of affected fittings in Council owned houses supplied with water from Mainsforth Colliery. Experiments are being carried out in such houses, after consultation with the Durham County Water Board, as to the cause of the deposits in the fittings.

The Sewage Works continues to turn out an effluent which meets with the approval of the River Board.

I would like to acknowledge the consideration and courtesy shown to me by my Council and express my thanks to the staff of the Health Department for a year's very good work.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION

The Registrar General's figures for the Area at Mid 1963, show the resident population as 14,020, this being a decrease of 110 in comparison with the previous year. The Comparability Factors for Shildon are:—

Births	1.03
Deaths	1.23

Live Births

	Male	Female		
Number	130	99	=	229
Rate per 1,000 population				16.82 Standard.

Illegitimate Live Births (per cent. of total live births): 3.93%

Still Births:

	Male	Female		
Number	1	6	=	7

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births: 30.55

Total Live and Still Births:

	Male	Female	Total
Live	130	99	229
Still Births	1	6	7

Rate per 1,000: 17.34

Infants Deaths (deaths under one year):

2	2	4

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births: 21.49

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births: 22.26

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births: Nil

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births): 16.12

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births): 16.12

Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births): 52.12

Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of Deaths: Nil

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births: Nil

Death Rate:

Shildon Area ... ... 12.19 per 1,000 population

England and Wales ... 12.2 ,, ,,

Deaths in Shildon Area, as per Returns to the Medical Officer of Health 86

Deaths of Shildon Residents outside the area ... 85

Infantile Mortality Rate:

The number of Deaths of children under the age of one year is 4, representing an Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births of 21.49. Of these 4, none occurred in Shildon.

The Infantile Mortality figure for England and Wales is 20.9 per 1,000 Live Births.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

	Death Rate per 1,000 pop'n	Inf. Mort. Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	Birth Rate per 1,000 pop'n
Country Average (England & Wales) ...	12.2	20.9	17.3	18.2
Shildon	12.19	21.49	17.34	16.82

Births in excess of Deaths:

1950	... ...	56	
1951	... ...	52	
1952	... ...	58	
1953	... ...	64	
1954	... ...	61	
1955	... ...	27	
1956	... ...	71	
1957	... ...	50	
1958	... ...	98	
1959	... ...	74	
1960	... ...	34	
1961	... ...	101	
1962	... ...	104	
1963	... ...	58	

Population Changes:

1955	14,160
1956	14,050
1957	13,960
1958	13,920
1959	13,910
1960	13,920
1961	14,070
1962	14,130
1963	14,020

Age Groups of Deaths in Shildon:

Under 1 yr.	1–5	5–15	15–25	25–45	45–60	60–70	70–80	Over 80	Total
—	—	1	2	1	14	25	21	22	86

Age Groups of Deaths Outside the Area:

Under 1 yr.	1–5	5–15	15–25	25–45	45–60	60–70	70–80	Over 80	Total
4	—	1	—	7	7	23	28	15	85

Causes of Death, 1963	Male	Female
All Causes	92	79
Tuberculosis, other than respiratory	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	5	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	5	7
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	2	—
Diabetes	4	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	15	11
Coronary Disease, Angina	26	15
Hypertension with Heart Disease...	4	4
Other Heart Disease	5	5
Other Circulatory Disease...	6	8
Pneumonia	1	7
Bronchitis	4	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Congenital Malformations	2	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	6	5
All other Accidents...	1	2
Suicide	—	1
	92	79

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Table of Cases as notified in the Whole District, set out in age groups (Civilians only)

Infectious Disease	Under 1 yr.	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–61	61 & over	At all ages
Scarlet Fever	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	3	8	14
Whooping Cough	8	5	6	5	3	17	3	—	—	—	—	—	47
Measles	17	44	46	39	59	193	4	1	—	—	—	—	403
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS:													
1. MALES:													
(a) Pulmonary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
(b) Non Pulmonary ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. FEMALES:													
(a) Pulmonary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
(b) Non Pulmonary ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
	25	50	54	44	62	213	8	4	1	2	3	9	475

TUBERCULOSIS

The following cases remained on the Register at the end of the year:

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
Males	71	8	79
Females... ...	55	15	70
	126	23	149

This shows an increase of 2 Pulmonary Cases over the previous year.

The number of known Tuberculosis Cases in the District represents 1.06% of the population, an increase of .02% over the previous year.

There were 3 Cases notified during the year in the following age groups:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—
1–5 years	—	—	—	—
5–10 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
10–15 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
15–20 ,, ...	1	1	—	—
20–25 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
25–30 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
30–35 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
35–40 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
40–45 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
45–50 ,, ...	—	—	1	—
50–55 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
55–60 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
60–65 ,, ...	—	—	—	—
	1	1	1	—

VACCINATION RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1963

Immunisation against Diphtheria:—

461 No. — Primary Injections.
438 No. — Booster Injections.

Whooping Cough:—

171 No. — Primary Injections.
155 No. — Booster Injections.

Tetanus Injections:—

461 No. — Primary Injections.
145 No. — Booster Injections.

Smallpox Vaccinations:—

102 No. — Primary Vaccination.
75 No. — Re-Vaccination.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination:—

170 No. — Received Third Vaccination (Oral).
12 No. — Received Second Salk Injection.
12 No. — Received Third Salk Injection.
2 No. — Received Fourth Salk Injection.
11 No. — Received 1 Oral after 2 Salk Injections.
138 No. — Received 1 Oral after 3 Salk Injections.
1 No. — Received 1 Oral after 3 Oral.

B.C.G. Vaccination:—

137 No. — Children were Heaf Tested.
8 No. — Children were found to be Positive.
123 No. — Children were found to be Negative.
123 No. — Children were Vaccinated.

PARTICULARS OF DISTRICT

Area (in acres) including Eldon, Old Eldon, Middridge and Brusselton	4,828
No. of inhabited houses in the District of which 66 were constructed during the year, 27 Condemned/Closed and Demolition Orders served under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957, 11 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. The tenants of such houses demolished being re-housed by this Council	4,690
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,010
Rateable Value	£270,115

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Refuse Collection:

Domestic, Shop and Trade Refuse is collected throughout the area by regular weekly collection provided by the Council. The disposal of the refuse is done by controlled tipping at Sunnydale Tip in a most satisfactory manner.

A rear loading compressor type vehicle was introduced during the year and has proved very efficient and gives rise to less dust nuisance than the older type of vehicle.

Collection of Salvage:

This service is continued along with the normal collection of household refuse in the area:

Description	Tons	Cwts.	£	s.	d.
Scrap Metal	6	1	64	10	6

Once again, occupiers of Trade Premises are asked to put out their waste paper and cardboard in bundles, properly tied to facilitate collection.

Drains and Sewerage:

The drains and sewers continue to work in a satisfactory manner and the Sewage Works gives good results. All new drains to buildings are subject to test before being passed.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA—
continued

Rodent Control:

Private businesses and dwelling houses were treated as and where necessary—a charge being made to properties other than dwelling house property, and complete sewer treatments were carried out during the year. A Rodent Operator is employed by the Council for the purpose of carrying out this work.

The public continue to report promptly to the Council Offices any infestation of rats and mice being found on their property.

No. of premises visited	No. of baits laid
384	2,954

The number of visits made during the year on Rat Infested premises during which treatment was carried out being ... 2,243

Water Supply:

The Durham County Water Board took 28 samples of treated water and 2 of raw water during the year for bacteriological examination. All were reported satisfactory.

The Board maintains a fully equipped laboratory supervised by a qualified experienced chemist and bacteriologist.

Mainsforth water is the supply to this area.

The fluoride content is estimated to be 1.0 p.p.m.

(a) The water supply to the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

(b) The total number of bacteriological samples taken in the Shildon area during 1963 was 47. Of these, 42 were classed as satisfactory, one as suspicious and four unsatisfactory.

(c) The water supply to Shildon is not plumbo-solvent.

(d) Chlorination is carried out after all main repairs, and bacteriological tests are made until a satisfactory result is obtained.

(e) There are 4,676 dwelling houses supplied, 110 lock-up shops or offices and 142 metered trade supplies.

(f) The replacement of fittings affected by water supply on the Jubilee Field Estate continued throughout the year and should be completed in 1964. Any person who finds their hot

water supply is not running properly and who lives in a Council house should notify the Council at once, other persons would be advised to seek the services of a plumber.

The areas supplied with Mainsforth water are as follows:—

Cheapside	1-28 consecutive
Market Place...	1-28 ,,
St. Paul's Terrace	1-28 inclusive
Alexandra Street	1-32 ,,
King Edward Street	1-31 ,,
Alexandra Gardens	1-9A ,,
Albert Street	2-40 even numbers
Roseberry Terrace	1-15 consecutive
Queen Street	1-20 ,,
Foundry Street	2-32 even numbers
Waverley Terrace	1-20 consecutive
Phoenix Place	1-4 ,,
Temperance Avenue...	1-11 inclusive
Rose Cottages	1-4 consecutive
North Terrace	1-15 ,,
Eldon Bank Top	18 houses

JUBILEE FIELDS ESTATE

Coronation Avenue	10-90 even numbers
Coronation Avenue	49-97 odd numbers
Maple Avenue	2-32 even numbers
Maple Avenue	11-27 odd numbers
Pine Tree Crescent	1-51 odd numbers
Pine Tree Crescent	2-30 even numbers
Rowan Avenue	1-4 consecutive
Holly Hill	1-60 ,,
Larch Avenue	5-39 odd numbers
Larch Avenue	2-40 even numbers
Lime Grove	1-31 odd numbers
Lime Grove	2-52 even numbers
Oak Lea	1-14 inclusive
Willow Walk	1-22 consecutive
Yew Tree Avenue	1-7 odd numbers
Yew Tree Avenue	2-32 even numbers
Queensway	1-21 inclusive

2 houses on Private Development Site.

Summary of Notices and work done in the Public Health Inspectors Department during the Year ended 1963.

Houses erected in area:

	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(a) By Local Authority	63	—	63
(b) By any other Local Authority ...	—	—	—
(c) By private persons	—	3	3
	63	3	66

2. Closing and Demolition of Houses.

(a) Formal Action:

	No.
(i) No. of houses demolished during the year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action	—
(ii) No. of houses Closed but not demolished as a result of formal action	12
(iii) No. of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses, demolition of which temporarily postponed	68
(iv) No. of houses in use as temporary accommodation	1

(b) Informal Action:

(i) No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above	—

3. Reconditioning and Repair.

No. of houses made fit during year by procedure under Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts:—

	No.
(a) As a result of informal action	89
(b) By owners as a result of statutory notice ...	3
(c) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	—

General Summary.

	No. of Inspections	No. of **Informal** Notices served	No. of **Statutory** Notices served	Defects Remedied after Notice	Legal Proceedings and General Remarks
Housing:	2,780	—	—	—	Direct repairs done through Department.
Public Health and Housing Acts	398	124	84	84	
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	
Sanitary Conveniences:					
Insufficient	320	—	98	98	
Defective	—	—	—	—	
Drainage	97	4	—	4	
Water supply	118	—	—	—	Dezincification of fittings by water supply renewed by Shildon U.D.C.
Food Premises	104	—	—	—	
Shops Act	—	—	—	—	
Dairies	—	—	—	—	
Slaughter Houses:					
Public	—	—	—	—	
Private	364	—	—	—	
Tents, Vans, etc.	3	—	—	—	
Offensive Trades	—	—	—	—	
Factories and Workplaces...	37	2	—	2	
Keeping of Animals	2	1	—	1	
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles ...	97	70	—	70	
Offensive Accumulations	4	1	—	1	
Smoke Nuisances	2	1	—	1	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	689	2	—	2	
Standard Grants	191	—	—	—	
Dysentery Investigation	79	—	—	—	
	5,285	205	182	273	

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA—
continued

4.

(a) **Water, Food and Drugs:**

	No.
Samples of water taken for Analysis (water samples are taken by the Durham County Water Board)	30
No isolated samples were taken by this Council as this is the function of the Durham County Council	—
Seizures of unwholesome food (voluntarily surrendered)	39
Samples of Food and Drugs taken for Analysis or found to be adulterated	—
No cases of food adulteration were reported to this Council.	

(b) **Precautions against Infectious Diseases:**

Lots of Infectious Bedding Stoved or Destroyed	3
Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease ...	6

(c) **General:**

Number of new houses Erected during the year	66
Number of such houses Occupied during the year	66
Total number of Water Closets in the District ...	4,962
Total number of Ash-pit privies in District ...	66

PRIVY CONVERSIONS

The Scheme introduced by this Council in 1957, for a Grant of £10 0s. 0d. per privy, continues to be operated, mainly in areas Eldon, Brusselton and Middridge.

The number of Conversions carried out during the year was 98, being the completion of the Privy Conversion Scheme at Eldon. The only privies remaining in the area are those at Brusselton, Middridge and the occasional farm dwellings, being 4. The conversion of such are receiving active consideration.

MILK RETAILERS

There are 6 Retail Purveyors in the District who are supplying either Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA—
continued

Regular samples are taken for testing by the Durham County Council Weights and Measures Department who have reported satisfactory results during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Under the provisions of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, there are 4 slaughterhouses operating in the area, 2 of which only slaughter pigs and sheep. The 4 slaughterhouses concerned are each attached to the retail shop for which they are used, and conform to the standards laid down under the provisions of the above Act, and have been duly licensed thereunder. All animals slaughtered have been subject to inspection which has amounted to 100%. A high standard of cleanliness has been maintained in the slaughterhouses throughout the period.

The slaughterhouses have also been inspected by the Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and have been found satisfactory.

The 4 slaughterhouses concerned are as follows:—

(1) J. N. Percival ... 25, Church Street, Shildon.
(2) J. Studham ... 49, Church Street, Shildon.
(3) F. S. Hodgson ... 13, St. John's Road, Shildon.
(4) E. Smith (Jnr.) ... 9, Redworth Road, Shildon.

The total number of animals inspected during the year being:—

	Animals Slaughtered
Cattle	240
Sheep	713
Pigs	307

HOUSING

(**a**) The Council's Pre- and Post-War Housing Programmes are summarised as follows:—

	No. Erected
1919 Act	124
1930-1935 Act:	
North Eastern Housing Association, Newcastle. (Let by this Council)	100

	No. Erected
Post-War Temporary Housing	23
Post-War Permanent Housing	884
Post-War Aged Persons Bungalows	158
Post-War Flats	58
(28 available for Old Aged Persons)	

(b) Slum Clearance Programme:

The total number of houses included in Clearance and Demolition Orders is now 545 and, on the completion of the Dalton Street/Auckland Terrace area, Brown Street and Depot Row, Eldon, are to be dealt with in 1964.

(c) Re-Housing:

During the year ended 31st December, 1963, 90 houses were let to the following groups, in accordance with the Council's allocation of houses Scheme:

	No.
Points	56
Individual Unfit Houses...	28
Medical Cases	2
Key Workers	2
Eviction Cases	2
	90

(d) The number of houses built by the Council during the year was 63, situated on the Jubilee Field Estate and Hackworth Close.

Every effort continues to be made to provide accommodation for the aged in the form of 1 or 2 bedroom type bungalows as the number of applicants for this accommodation increases each year.

The allocation of Council houses is made on the following grounds:

(1) Clearance.

(2) Points.

together with serious medical cases. Special provisions being made to allocate bungalows to old people within the town itself.

Persons requiring housing accommodation, should complete the Housing Application Form, obtainable at the Council Offices, for inclusion on the following year's Housing List.

The number of applicants remaining on the Housing and Bungalow List at 31st December, 1963, were as follows:—

Applications	Type of dwelling required
138	Two bedroom house.
31	Three bedroom house.
151	Bungalows.

The Council's programme for closing the Prefabricated dwellings on the Elm Drive Estate continued and it is hoped to have this area cleared as soon as possible for re-development purposes.

Part I—Applications for Certificates of Disrepair:

(a)	No. of applications for Certificates	—
(b)	No. of decisions not to issue Certificates ...	—
(c)	No. of decisions to issue Certificates—	
	(i) in respect of some but not all defects ...	—
	(ii) in respect of all defects	—
(d)	No. of undertakings given by Landlords under para. 5 of the 1st Schedule	—
(e)	No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to para. 5 of the 1st Schedule ...	—
(f)	No. of Certificates issued	—

Part II—Applications for Cancellation of Certificates:

(g)	Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificates	—
(h)	Objections by Tenants to cancellation of Certificates	—

(i)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of Tenant's objections	—
(j)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority ...	—

(e) House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 (Standard Grants).

The following is a summary of applications received under the provisions of the above Act, from January, 1963—31st December, 1963:—

(i)	No. of applications received	73
(ii)	No. of applications approved	70
(iii)	No. of applications rejected	3
(iv)	No. of improvements completed	59

It is pleasing to note the continued efforts of the Shildon Accident Prevention Society. During the year 1962/1963, the team were successful in winning the Durham County Section of the Northumberland and Durham Cycling Proficiency Championship and won Cycling Proficiency Tests held at the North Yorkshire and South West Durham Cyclists Meet at Richmond.

During this period, 93 children were trained in cycling proficiency as follows:

(a)	First year.	50 No.
(b)	Second year.	19 No.
(c)	Third year.	15 No.
(d)	Fourth year.	7 No.
(e)	Fifth year.	2 No.
		93 No.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Regular visits were paid to the factories in the area and, in general, conditions were found to be good.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HEGARTY,

Medical Officer of Health,
Shildon Urban District Council.

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